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Fraser ends season with loss in PNCLL Finals

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Simon Fraser University Men's Lacrosse

Event: Men's Lacrosse

Site: PNCLL Final Four Conference Championships, Wilsonville High School, Wilsonville, OR

BURNABY, BC (May 11, 2011) – After breezing through the University of Idaho 26-7 in the Semi-Finals, a fourth quarter collapse to top-ranked University of Oregon in the PNCLL Championship would mark the end of Simon Fraser's 2011 season. Tied 8-8 heading into the fourth quarter, the Clan were outscored 8-0 over the final 15:00 minutes, falling to the Ducks by a final score of 16-8. Ranked No. 17 in the most recent CollegeLAX Prodigy Top 25 Poll, a 9-9 record would not be enough to earn Fraser an at-large bid to the final round of 16 at the MCLA National Championship Tournament, leaving a young Clan squad at home for the first time in the past four seasons.



All PNCLL Final Four games were played at Wilsonville High School in Wilsonville, (Portland) OR and broadcast LIVE in HD on CollegeLAX.tv.

PNCLL SEMI-FINALS: SIMON FRASER VS. IDAHO

Score: Simon Fraser University 26, University of Idaho 7

Record: SFU (9-8, 5-0 PNCLL North), UI (5-6, 2-2 PNCLL North)

After defeating the Vandals 31-8 in the regular season, Simon Fraser would continue their domination of their PNCLL North division rivals as they ended Idaho's play-off hopes by a score of 26-7. Idaho had entered the 2011 play-offs as the #3 seed in the North, upsetting the PNCLL South's #2 seed, Boise State Broncos, to earn their first ever appearance at the PNCLL Final Four. The Vandals finished their season with an overall record of 5-6, while the Clan advanced to face Oregon in the PNCLL Finals.

Fraser was lead by sophomore Colton Dow (Coquitlam, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary) – 6g, 7a and fellow attackman Calvin Craig (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary) who recorded 13 and 10 points respectively, while sophomores Stu Mills (Nanaimo, BC / Timberline Secondary) and Eric Ransom (Sherwood Park, AB / Bev Facey High School) provided strong secondary scoring with 5 points each on 3 goals and 2 assists.

SIMON FRASER (9-8) 7-11-5-3/26

IDAHO (5-6) 2-1-2-2/7

GOALS: SFU: Craig-8, Dow—6, Mills-3, Ransom-3, Bezuidenhout-2, Koesdibyo-2, Farrell, Weselowski. **UI (Unofficial):** Morse-2, Cain, Fletcher, Kopke, McMillen, Wirtz.

ASSISTS: SFU: Dow-7, Craig-2, Mills-2, Ransom-2, Bezuidenhout, Koesdibyo, Weselowski. **UI (Unofficial):** N/A.

NOTES

- SFU picked-up 63 ground balls versus the Vandals. Freshmen Riley Wanzer (Mukilteo, WA / Kamiak High School) led all Clan players with 11, while sophomore Max Weselowski (Maple Ridge, BC / Meadowridge School) registered 10 and senior Nathan Clare (Ladner, BC / Vancouver College) picked up 8.
- Weselowski went 20 for 28 (71%) on draws, while Clare finished 2 for 3 (67%) in relief.
- Freshman Darren Zwack (Sherwood Park, AB / Archbishop Jordan High School) made his fifth consecutive start, playing the opening three quarters (45:00) and making 5 saves with 5 goals against. Sophomore Kyle Middleton (Nanaimo, BC / Woodlands Secondary) played the final 15:00 minutes making 3 saves with 2 goals against.
- Dow's assist at the start of the second quarter marked his 100th point on the season.

PNCLL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL: SIMON FRASER VS. OREGON

Score: Simon Fraser University 8, Oregon 16

Record: SFU (9-9, 5-1 PNCLL North), UO (11-6, 6-0 PNCLL South)

After leading the Ducks by quarter scores of 2-1 and 5-4 at the half, Simon Fraser was not able to keep pace with top-ranked Oregon over the final 15:00 minutes, being outscored 8-0 to break open an 8-8 tie and fall by a final score of 16-8. With the win, UO earns an automatic qualifier for the MCLA National Championships held May 17-21 in Denver, CO, while the Clan end their season with an overall record of 9-9. The storied rivals have split the coveted PNCLL Championship over the past four seasons with SFU winning in 2008 and 2009 and Oregon prevailing the last two seasons (2010, 2011). The win improves UO's total number of conference titles to six, while Fraser sits only two ahead at eight for the all-time lead.

Calvin Craig continued to lead the Clan in their final game of the 2011 season with 5 points on 4 goals and 1 assist, while fellow attackman Cory Koesdibyo (Nanaimo, BC / Dover Bay Secondary) chipped in with 3 points on a goal and 2 assists. Despite a lopsided fourth quarter, sophomore goaltender Darren Zwack was outstanding in the SFU net, making several key saves over the opening three quarters to keep the game close and finishing with an impressive 19 saves and 6 ground balls on the day.

SIMON FRASER (9-9) 2-3-3-0/8

OREGON (11-6) 1-3-4-8/16

GOALS: SFU: Craig-4, Mills-2, Koesdibyo, Ransom. **UO (Unofficial):** Osip-5, Johnson-2, Clark-2, Merritt-2, Robertson-2, Eckenroad, San Jose, Samet.

ASSISTS: SFU: Dow-2, Koesdibyo-2, Craig. **UO (Unofficial):** Morse, Purcell.

NOTES

- SFU picked-up 43 ground balls versus the Ducks. Senior defender Nathan Clare led the Clan with 7 groundballs, while freshmen Darren Zwack and Tommy Newton both chipped in with 6.
- Freshman Max Weselowski went 12 of 24 (50%) at the face-off 'X', while Clare and Newton finished 1 for 1 (100%) and 1 for 2 (50%) respectively.

QUOTES

SFU Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins

On Oregon: "Oregon has incredible athleticism and is very well coached under Coach Kerwin. They really forced us to execute our game plan over the first three quarters and ultimately we didn't have what it took to answer back when the Ducks went on a run in the fourth. This was a great game but UO earned the win and we wish them luck at Nationals."

SFU Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea

On Simon Fraser: "Our goal was to compete for a National Championship, so while we are disappointed with today's outcome there are still lots of things to be proud off this season. With such a young roster, this has still been an important year in terms of experience and leaves the future looking very bright. Sitting at home the next two weeks is going to be tough but we are already looking forward to getting back on the field in September. It hurts not being able to get to Denver for our seniors but we thank each of them (Nathan Clare, Luke Genereux, Ben Johnson and Chris Tessarolo) for their leadership this season and leaving behind an incredible legacy that will continue to form the foundation for our success in the future."

LOOKING FORWARD

Bracket information for the 2011 MCLA National Championships is available at www.mcla.us/national_tournament/2011/1/ or follow LIVE media coverage at www.CollegeLAX.us.

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ABOUT SIMON FRASER MEN'S LACROSSE

Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse will compete in its seventeenth season in 2012 and competes in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA). The Clan have captured a record eight PNCLL Conference Titles (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2008 and 2009) and rank sixth all-time with ten MCLA National Championship tournament appearances, placing 2nd in 1999 and playing in the 2010 MCLA Semi-Finals after reaching the Quarterfinals in 2008 and 2009. The Clan are proudly sponsored by Harrow Sports and Onyx Lacrosse / Riddell Helmets.

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